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Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Addendum

1. In paragraph 5 of its report concerning general aspects of the financing of peacekeeping operations (A/52/860), the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions indicated that it had postponed consideration of the proposed budgets for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO), the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (MONUA), and the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT) in view of the pending action by the Security Council on those Missions.

United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

2. The Advisory Committee was informed that the next report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on MINURSO is expected to be submitted on 20 May 1998 and that no information is available at the present time as to what proposals may be contained in that report. In view of this situation, the Committee was requested to consider at this stage recommending bridging appropriation and assessment for the maintenance of the Mission during a period of four months, from 1 July to 31 October 1998.

3. As indicated in the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of MINURSO (A/52/730/Add.3), the resource requirements for the maintenance of the Mission during the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 were originally estimated at $65.0 million (gross) or a monthly rate of $5.4 million (gross).

4. Pending the submission by the Secretary-General of his updated report on resource requirements for the Mission for the next financial period, the Advisory Committee recommends at this stage that the General Assembly appropriate and assess a total of $21.6 million (gross) for the maintenance of MINURSO during the period from 1 July

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1998 to 30 June 1999, which is equivalent to $5.4 million (gross) per month for the period from 1 July to 31 October 1998. This recommendation is without prejudice to such position as the Committee may take on requirements for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 after receipt of the revised estimates referred to above.

United Nations Observer Mission in Angola

5. The Advisory Committee was informed that no information is available at the present time as to when the next report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on MONUA will be submitted and whether that report will also contain proposals that could change the mandate and operational requirements of the Mission; should such proposals be submitted and approved by the Security Council, the earliest date that a report on revised budget requirements could be submitted would be sometime towards the end of June 1998. In view of this situation, the Committee was requested to consider at this stage recommending bridging appropriation and assessment for the maintenance of the Mission during a period of four months, from 1 July to 31 October 1998.

6. As indicated in paragraph 25 of the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of MONUA (A/52/799/Add.1), the resource requirements for the maintenance of the Mission during the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 were originally estimated at $140.8 million (gross) or a monthly rate of $11.7 million (gross). However, by its resolution 1157 (1998) of 20 March 1998, the Security Council endorsed the recommendation of the Secretary-General to resume the gradual downsizing of the military component of MONUA and to increase gradually and as needed the number of civilian police observers by up to 83 personnel. The Advisory Committee was informed by representatives of the Secretary-General that the reduction of 595 military personnel and the increase of 83 civilian police would result in a decrease in monthly resource requirements for the Mission from $11.7 million (gross) to $10.9 million (gross).

7. Pending the submission by the Secretary-General of his updated report on resource requirements for the Mission for the next financial period, the Advisory Committee recommends at this stage that the General Assembly appropriate and assess a total of $43.6 million (gross) for the maintenance of MONUA during the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, which is equivalent to $10.9 million (gross) per month for the period from 1 July to 31 October 1998. This recommendation is without prejudice to such position as the Committee may take on requirements for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 after receipt of the revised estimates referred to above.

United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

8. The report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Tajikistan (S/1998/374) was issued on 6 May 1998; in paragraphs 28 and 33 thereof the Secretary-General recommended that the Security Council extend the mandate of UNMOT for a further period of six months, until 15 November 1998, and indicated that should the Council decide to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 15 May 1998, the cost of its maintenance would be limited to the original estimates of $22.3 million (gross) for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 reflected in his report on the financing of UNMOT (A/52/772/Add.2). The Security Council had not taken a decision with regard to the mandate of the Mission by the time the Advisory Committee considered the question of the financing of UNMOT during the next financial period.

9. The Advisory Committee points out that the report of the Secretary-General shows that there are still a number of unresolved issues that can impact on the development of the Mission and on its resource requirements, for example, the security situation (para.17), as well as the fact that UNMOT remained "well under its authorized strength" (para.23). The Committee requests that the Secretary-General clarify these issues in his revised budget estimates for UNMOT for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999.

10. Pending the clarification by the Secretary-General of the issues above, the Advisory Committee recommends at this stage that the General Assembly appropriate and assess a total of $7.6 million (gross) for the maintenance of UNMOT during the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, which is equivalent to $1.9 million (gross) per month for the period from 1 July to 31 October 1998. This recommendation is without prejudice to such position as the Committee may take on requirements for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 after receipt of the clarifications referred to above.